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increase. I do not find anything now to add to the statements then made.

This increase is more or less general throughout the island, but, as stated in my letter above referred to, the large increases noted in a few places, of which I took Ponce as the type, can be explained to some extent by peculiar local conditions, the figures given for such places not accurately representing the real mortality of them.

Respectfully,

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*Inspection of immigrants at the port of San Juan during the week ended  
September 22, 1900.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., *September 24, 1900.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended September 22, 1900:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Sept. 18	Spanish steamship Cataluña.....	Havana, Port Limon, Barranquilla, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, Ponce.	2
Do....	Spanish steamship Catalina.....	Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Torevieja, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, La Palma.	2
Do....	French steamship Olinde Rodrigue....	St. Marc, Gonaives, Port au Prince, Cape Haitien, Puerto Plata, Sanchez.	1
Sept. 20	Provisional flag steamship Julia.....	Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, St. Domingo, Macoris, Ponce, Mayaguez.	3
	Total .....		8

Respectfully,

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*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
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*Inspection of immigrants at the subports of Porto Rico during the week ended  
September 22, 1900.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., *September 25, 1900.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at subports of Porto Rico during the week ended September 22, 1900:

*Mayaguez.*—September 20, Spanish steamship *Catalina*, from Barcelona, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia, Torevieja, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, Santa Cruz de la Palma, San Juan, P. R., Arecibo, P. R., with 5 immigrants.

The other subports, no transactions.

Respectfully,

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